

four nights. How would you--

(When they started it at night, how many hours would they dance?)

Til about 11 o'clock.

(Be about four hours, wouldn't it?)

Yeah, something like that. And then on the last night, they dance all night.

(All night long)

But before the Ghost dance start, I forgot to say that. The Caddos used to have a foot race going into the dance ground. And they had to run--some of 'em had to go mile and a half and some of them rode horses. They rode bareback. And then they'd hang that gourd about half way from the dance ground to the road, you know. And whoever--all those that rode the horses had to start way back there and then the older ones had run foot, why they'd start little farther ahead of them and then the little ones they got way towards the front. And they hand that gourd back there and whoever takes the lead he grabs that gourd and he takes it into the dance ground, into that ring where they going to dance. When this man is caught up with, if another gets ahead of him, he passes that gourd on and he takes it on into the ground. That's the way they did.

(Is that the gourd they use when they sing?)

No. It's just a special gourd they use for that foot race. Well, when we got to that dance ground there be lot of women standing there and sisters and mothers and grandmothers. They'd have bucket of water there and they all face east around that pole, you know, facing east, you know, and then each one would wash their children's faces or their brother or whatever relation to them. And then they cry.